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Sir:

I, Takahiro Kurokawa, am a co-inventor the above identified application and hereby declare as follows:

I have reviewed the above-referenced patent application and carefully considered the Examiner's rejection to the claims. It is my understanding that Fig. 2 as filed in the above-referenced application mistakenly included a second photo-detector 116 in addition to a first photo-detector 115. Based on the relevant contents of the priority document Japanese patent application No. 2003-367782, specifically, the original Fig. 2 therein, I assert that Fig. 2 of the application should be corrected in accordance with corrected Fig. 2 which is being submitted herewith. I further assert that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of the corrected Fig. 2.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statement were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-captioned application and any patent to issue thereon.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of March 2007

Takahiro Kurokawa

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